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FEATURING

SPIDER-MAN

AND

IRON FIST

STEEL  
SERPENT!  
DROP HIM,  
OR I'LL--

IT'S TOO LATE,  
SPIDER-MAN! I'VE  
STOLEN IRON FIST'S  
POWER AND NOW  
I'M TAKING HIS  
LIFE!

NIGHT  
OF THE  
DRAGON!

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Stan Lee PRESENTS: **SPIDEY AND IRON FIST--TOGETHER!**

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# NIGHT OF THE DRAGON

YOU ARE  
IRON FIST...

KIAI!!!

...AND ONCE UPON A  
TIME, YOU WERE THE  
LIVING WEAPON, THE  
FINEST MARTIAL  
ARTIST IN THE FABLED  
CITY OF K'UN-LUN  
AND ON EARTH.

THAT HAS  
CHANGED.

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE YOU CHOSE  
TO LEAVE K'UN-LUN FOR EARTH, AND IN THAT  
TIME THE FINE EDGE OF YOUR SKILLS HAS  
BEEN BLUNTED. YOU'VE NEGLECTED YOUR  
TRAINING-- THE HONING OF MIND AND  
SPIRIT THAT COMPLEMENTS THAT OF THE  
BODY-- AND YOU'VE PAID THE PRICE.

AND SO YOU'VE PLAYED  
THE HERMIT THESE  
PAST WEEKS, PUSHING  
YOURSELF HARD, SEEK-  
ING TO REGAIN WHAT'S  
BEEN LOST.

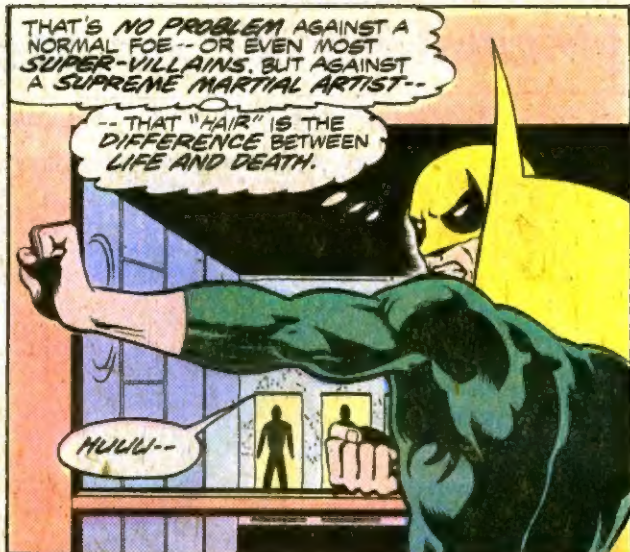
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GOOD ATTACK--  
BUT I'VE DONE  
BETTER.

TIMING'S  
STILL A  
HAIR  
OFF.



THAT'S NO PROBLEM AGAINST A  
NORMAL FOE--OR EVEN MOST  
SUPER-VILLAINS. BUT AGAINST  
A SUPREME MARTIAL ARTIST--

-- THAT "HAIR" IS THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
LIFE AND DEATH.

HUUU--



--YAAH!!

AND IF THE MAN  
WHO AMBUSHED  
ME THESE PAST  
MONTHS \*IS WHO  
I THINK HE IS...

... HE'S THE MOST  
DANGEROUS  
FOE I'VE EVER  
FACED.

\* IN IRON FIST #'S  
14 & 15--ARCHIE.



BUT  
WHY?!

WE PARTED AS  
FRIENDS. WHY DOES  
HE SEEK MY LIFE?

FOR THAT MATTER,  
HOW DID HE GET TO  
EARTH? K'UN-LIN  
WON'T APPEAR IN THE  
HIMALAYAS FOR YEARS,  
AND WHEN IT LAST  
MATERIALIZED...

... ONLY  
I LEFT.



NO GOOD. MY  
MIND'S GOING  
ROUND IN  
CIRCLES. I'M  
TOO CLOSE  
TO THE  
PROBLEM.

I'D TALK  
TO MISTY  
IF SHE WERE  
HERE, BUT  
SHE'S STILL  
ON HER  
UNDERCOVER  
ASSIGNMENT  
FOR D.A. TOWER.

I TRUST ONLY  
ONE OTHER  
PERSON IN THE  
WORLD,  
COLLEEN WING  
--AND SHE'S  
OUT OF TOWN  
AS WELL.



WAIT A MINUTE! I MUST  
BE LOSING MY GRIP--IF  
COLLEEN CAN'T COME TO  
ME, I'LL GO TO--HUN?

THE  
FRONT  
DOOR?!  
BUT I'M  
NOT  
EXPECTING  
ANYONE.

BONG!



YOU GRAB A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AS YOU HEAD UPSTAIRS FROM THE GYM, WHILE AT THE DOOR...

NOT YOUR USUAL SORT OF PHOTO JOB--

--BUT WITH THE RENT DUE, WHO WAS I TO ARGUE WHEN ROBBIE ROBERTSON OFFERED ME THIS ASSIGNMENT?

OH! UH...HI! I'M PETER PARKER, DAILY BUGLE. MY PAPER'S DOING A PHOTO-SPREAD ON THE RAND HOUSE...

I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.

RIGHT! IT MUST'VE SLIPPED MY MIND.

COME IN, MR. PARKER. I'M DANNY RAND.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE MESS. I'VE BEEN... PREOCCUPIED LATELY.

WHAT'S THIS? A PARCHMENT SCROLL--?

I FOUND IT STUCK IN YOUR DOOR--PROBABLY SOME FANCY SUPER-MARKET FLYER.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. THIS ROOM IS BIGGER THAN MY WHOLE APARTMENT.

I SEE. MAKE YOURSELF SUPER-COMFORTABLE.

FLYER. I

ONLY WISH IT WERE. THIS IS A FORMAL CHALLENGE: "... DANIEL RAND-K'AI, CALLED IRON FIST, UNDER THE LAWS AND TRADITIONS OF K'UN-LUN, I CHALLENGE YOU TO SINGLE COMBAT, UNTO DEATH..."

SIGNED, STEEL SERPENT.

WHY THE FALSE NAME? IS HE AFRAID--ASHAMED-- TO FACE ME AS HIMSELF?

THE NAME DOESN'T MATTER, YOUNG DRAGON. ONLY THE MAN-- WHO'S AMBUSHED YOU TWICE AND BEATEN YOU BOTH TIMES...

"...BY SOMEHOW DRAWING MY CHI-- MY LIFE FORCE-- OUT OF ME LIKE A VAMPIRE DRAWING BLOOD. IF I REFUSE THIS CHALLENGE, I'LL BE BRANDED A COWARD.

"BUT IF I ACCEPT, I MAY VERY WELL DIE."







**INTERLUDE! THE WEST BANK OF THE HUDSON RIVER, AN EXCLUSIVE YACHT BASIN IN THE SHADOW OF THE JERSEY PALISADES...**

**THERE'S BUSHMASTER'S YACHT! THEY SAY THIS IS GONNA BE THE PARTY OF THE YEAR--ANYBODY WHO'S ANYBODY IS GONNA BE HERE!**

**BUT, DARLING, ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE A CRIMINAL-- OOH, MY HAIR!**

**CROOK OR NO, JENNIFER, HE'S GOT ALL OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY HIGH SOCIETY AT HIS FEET!**

**BUSHMASTER, IT'S ALMOST TIME.**

**A MOMENT, MAYA. GO ON, SHREVE...**

**YOU SAY THIS HERO WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF TONIGHT?**

**EXCELLENT. AND THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY OF ANYTHING GOING WRONG? I SEE...**

**YOU'VE DONE WELL, SHREVE. I'M GRATEFUL.**

**WHAT'S GOIN' LOVER?**

**A BUSINESS MATTER, MY DEAR. THE ELIMINATION OF A POTENTIAL THREAT, A SUPER-HERO NAMED IRON FIST.**

**IRON... FIST?**

**I HEAR HE'S A PRETTY TOUGH CUSTOMER.**

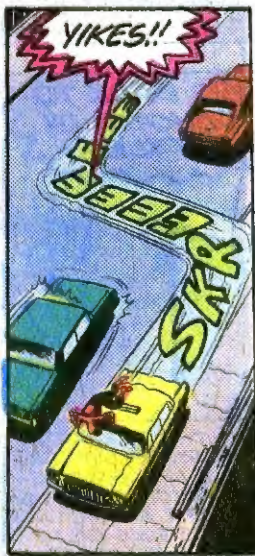
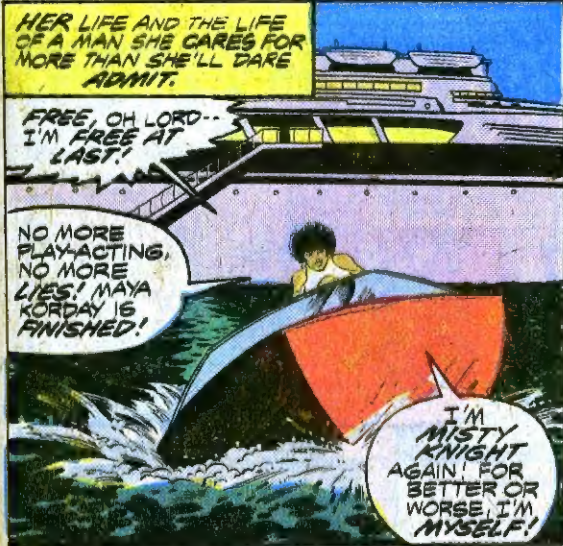
**SO IS THE MAN WHO'S AFTER HIM--FOR PURELY PERSONAL REASONS. IT SEEMS, THOUGH IRON FIST'S DEATH WILL BENEFIT ME.**

**INDEED, I'M TOLD OUR "HIT-MAN" POSSESSES AN "IRON FIST" ALL HIS OWN.**











STEEL SERPENT SAID HE'D BE WAITING FOR ME ON THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING THE HUDSON PARKWAY AND THE RIVER...

...AWAY FROM ANY CASUAL ONLOOKERS.

THIS PARK HAS A NICE FEEL TO IT-- NOT AT ALL LIKE CENTRAL PARK-- SO LONG AS YOU IGNORE THE BEER CANS AND BROKEN BOTTLES.

ALL RIGHT, OLD FRIEND. I'M HERE.

THUNDERER! I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!

NO NEED TO SHOUT, BOY. I'M OVER HERE.

BUT-- YOU'RE NOT--

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE MOVES, THE FIGHTING STYLE-- IT WAS LEI KUNG'S.

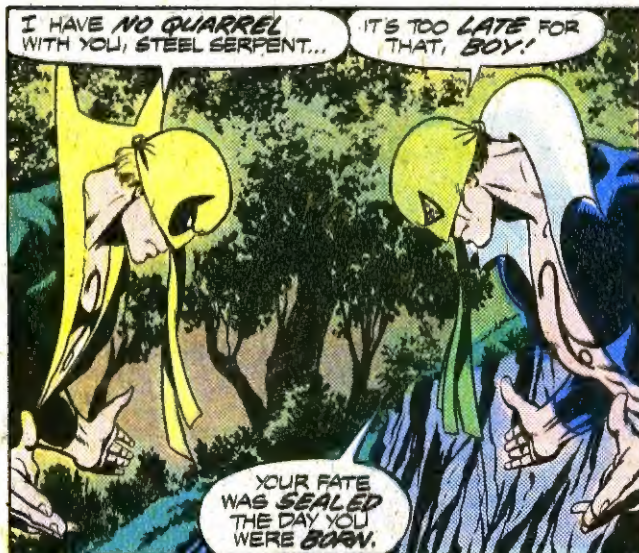
WHY SHOULDN'T MY STYLE MIMIC THE THUNDERER'S, IRON FIST? LEI KUNG IS MY FATHER!

YOUR FATHER AND YU-TI-- THE AUGUST PERSONAGE IN JADE--- DROVE ME FROM K'UN-LUN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.

TONIGHT I PAY THEM BACK. BY TAKING BOTH YOUR LIFE AND THAT WHICH IS MOST PRECIOUS TO ME IN ALL THE WORLD. THAT WHICH IS MINE BY RIGHT--

--THE IRON FIST!!





I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, STEEL SERPENT...

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, BOY!

YOUR FATE WAS SEALED THE DAY YOU WERE BORN.



PERHAPS. BUT IF YOU WANT ME DEAD--

--IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN WORDS TO DO IT.



THEN LET MY ACTIONS SPEAK FOR ME--

THOP! HAI!!

FIRST MOVE! A KOSHI! BALL OF FOOT KICK TO THE JAW.



HIS SPEED AND POWER ARE INCREDIBLE. I MANAGED TO RIDE HIS KICK, BUT HIS FOOT STILL HIT LIKE A SLEDGE-HAMMER.

HAVE TO ROLL WITH HIS ATTACK, HIT BACK WITH AN ATAMA STRIKE.



I SUPPOSE SPIDER-MAN WOULD SAY THAT MOVE WAS REALLY USING MY HEAD.

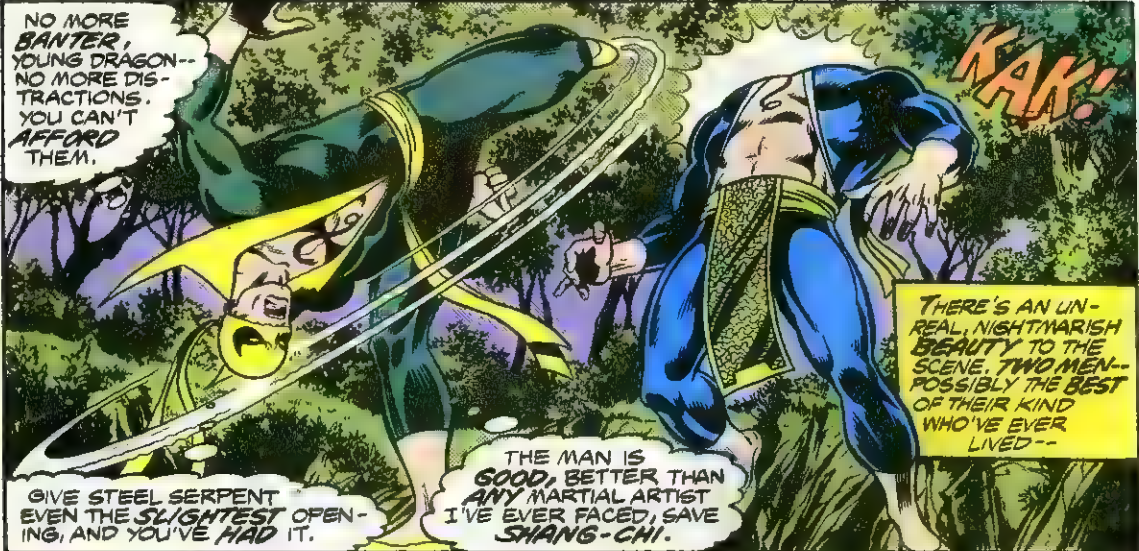
WATCH IT-- OW!!

A FAIR MOVE, IRON FIST. YOU'VE IMPROVED SOME SINCE OUR LAST ENCOUNTER.\*

I'M GLAD. FOR THAT WILL MAKE THIS A VICTORY WORTH THE WINNING.

\*IRON FIST #15 --ARCHIE.





NO MORE  
BANTER,  
YOUNG DRAGON--  
NO MORE DIS-  
TRACTIONS.  
YOU CAN'T  
AFFORD  
THEM.

KAK!

THERE'S AN UN-  
REAL, NIGHTMARISH  
BEAUTY TO THE  
SCENE. TWO MEN--  
POSSIBLY THE BEST  
OF THEIR KIND  
WHO'VE EVER  
LIVED--

GIVE STEEL SERPENT  
EVEN THE SLIGHTEST OPEN-  
ING, AND YOU'VE HAD IT.

THE MAN IS  
GOOD, BETTER THAN  
ANY MARTIAL ARTIST  
I'VE EVER FACED, SAVE  
SHANG-CHI.

--BOBBING AND WEAVING IN THE SILENCE  
OF THIS SUMMER NIGHT, THERE IS POWER  
IN THEM, AND AN INHUMAN GRACE THAT IS  
BOTH FRIGHTENING AND AWESOME.



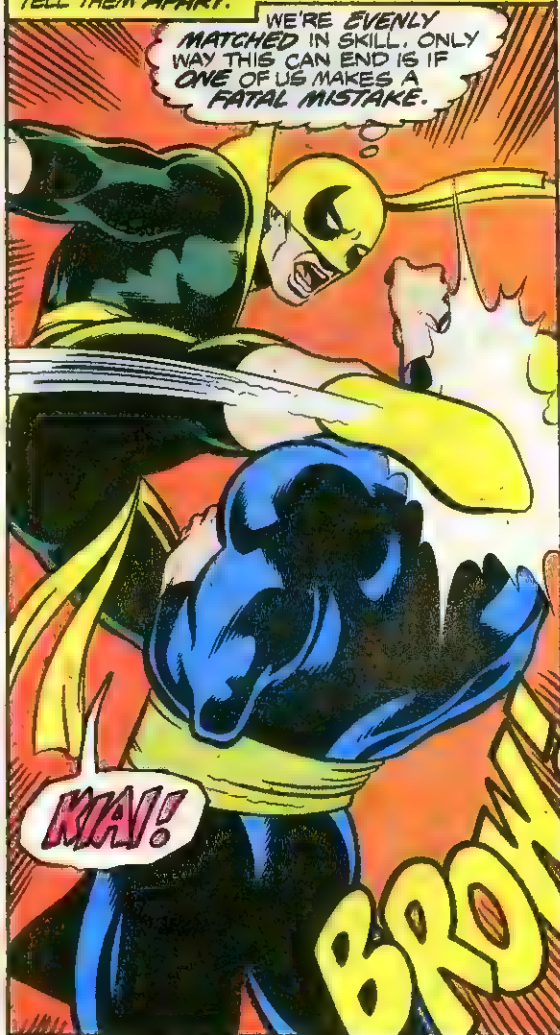
WHAM

AROUND  
THE GLADE,  
THE SMALL,  
INNER-CITY  
FOREST  
SEEMS TO  
HOLD ITS  
BREATH...

...AS IF SENSING THAT ONE OF  
THESE MEN WILL DIE TONIGHT.

THE MOVES BLEND ONE INTO THE OTHER--  
USHIROGERI (BACK KICK) INTO ROUNDHOUSE  
KICK INTO FLYING ROUNDHOUSE-- ALL  
COMING SO FAST IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO  
TELL THEM APART.

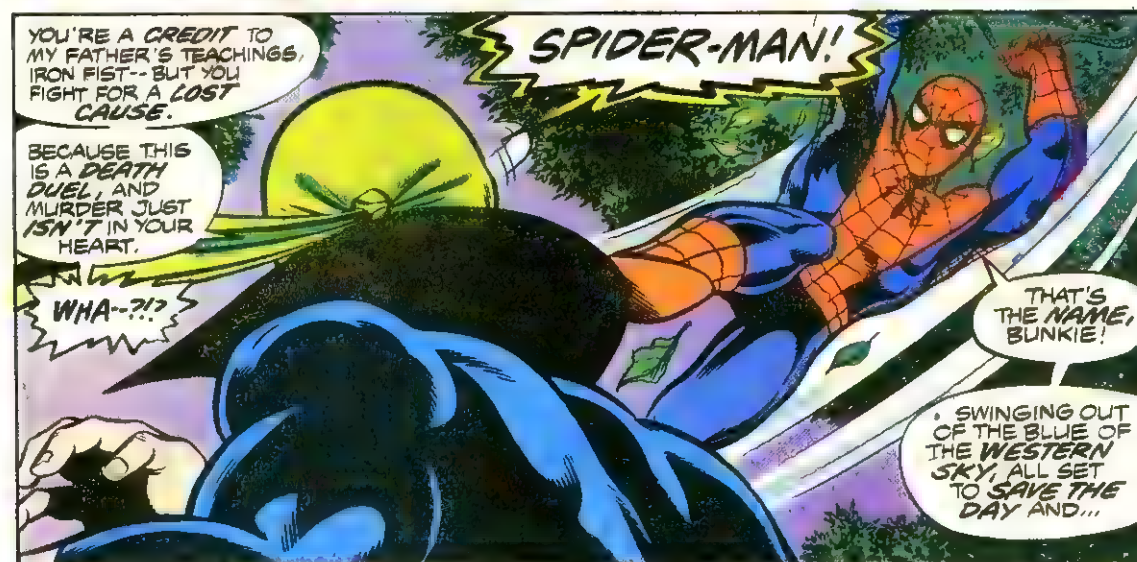
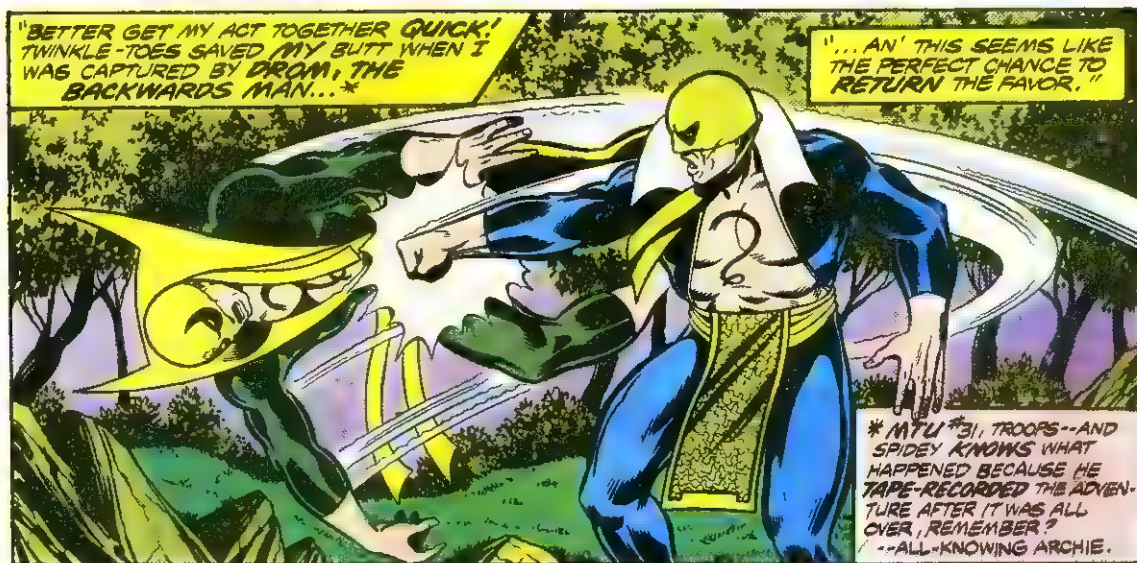
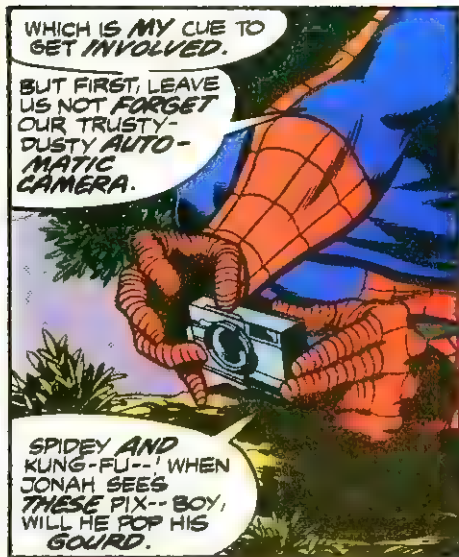
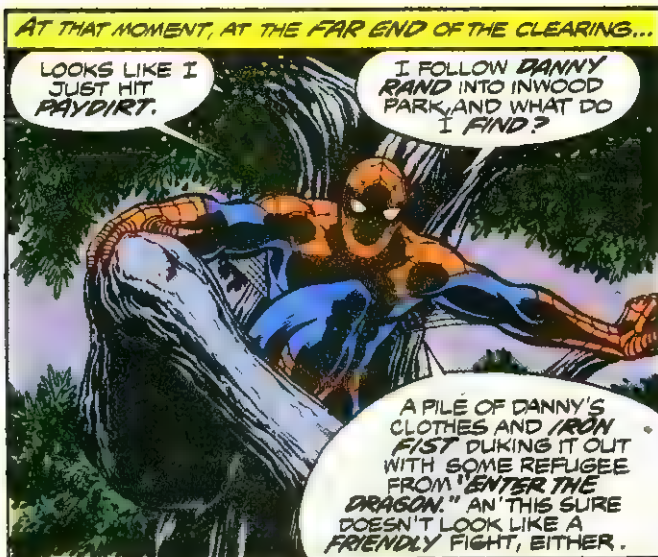
WE'RE EVENLY  
MATCHED IN SKILL. ONLY  
WAY THIS CAN END IS IF  
ONE OF US MAKES A  
FATAL MISTAKE.



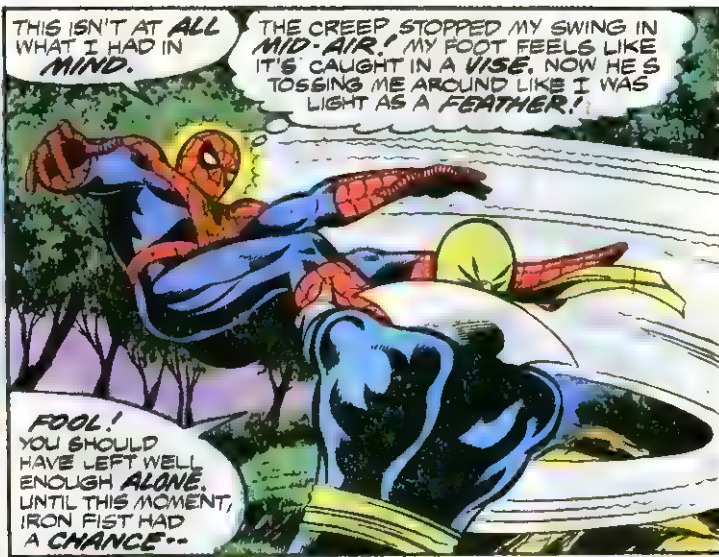
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BROW

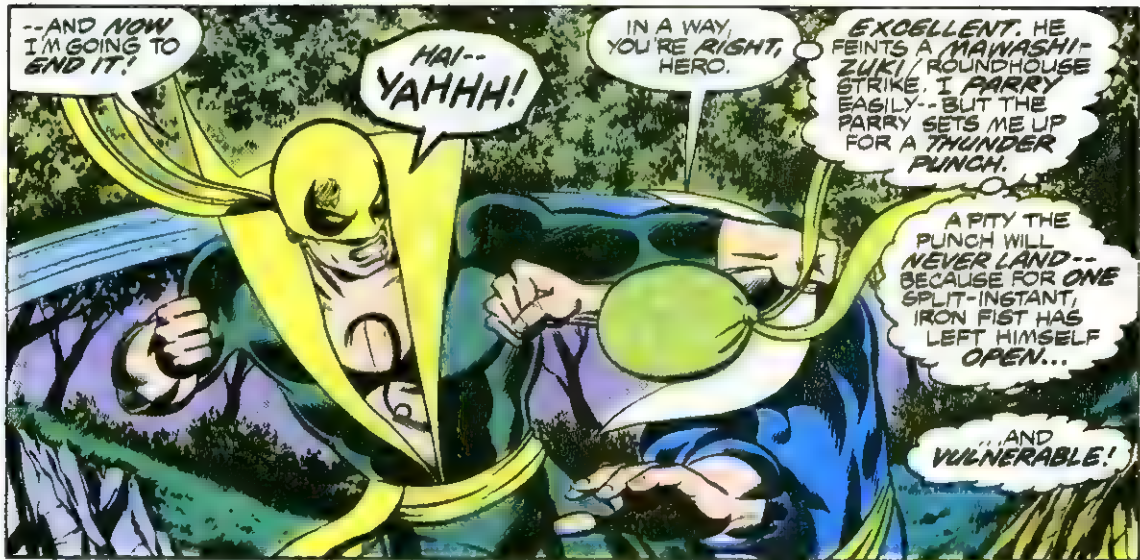












--AND NOW  
I'M GOING TO  
END IT!

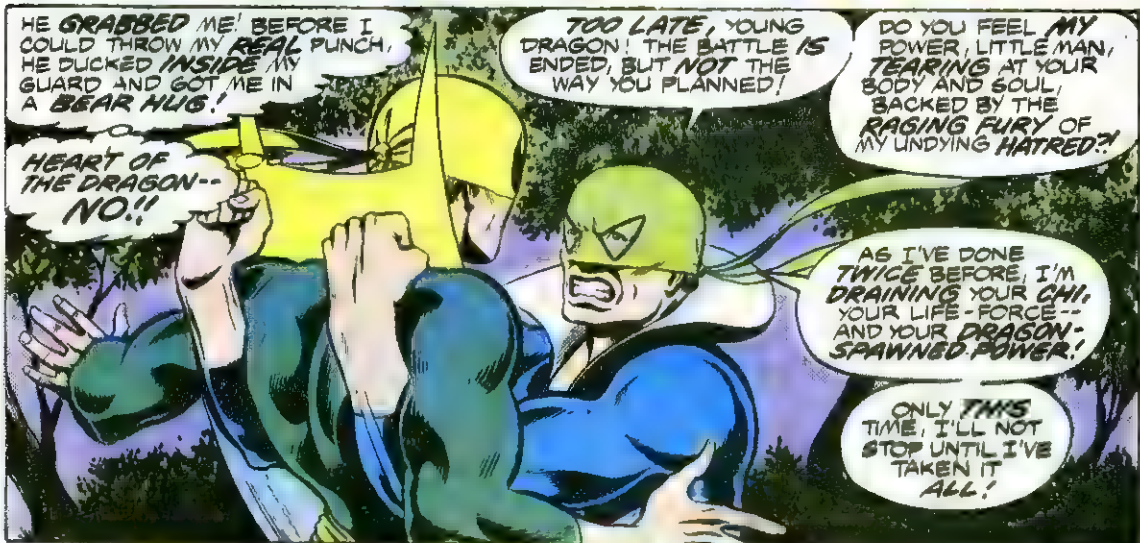
HAI--  
YAHHH!

IN A WAY,  
YOU'RE RIGHT,  
HERO.

EXCELLENT. HE  
FEINTS A **MAWASHI-  
ZUKI** / ROUNDHOUSE  
STRIKE. I **PARRY**  
EASILY-- BUT THE  
PARRY SETS ME UP  
FOR A **THUNDER  
PUNCH**.

A PITY THE  
PUNCH WILL  
**NEVER LAND--**  
BECAUSE FOR **ONE  
SPLIT-INSTANT**,  
IRON FIST HAS  
LEFT HIMSELF  
**OPEN...**

...AND  
**VULNERABLE!**



HE **GRABBED ME!** BEFORE I  
COULD THROW MY **REAL PUNCH**.  
HE DUCKED **INSIDE** MY  
GUARD AND GOT ME IN  
A **BEAR HUG!**

HEART OF  
THE DRAGON--  
**NO!!**

**TOO LATE**, YOUNG  
DRAGON! THE BATTLE IS  
ENDED, BUT **NOT** THE  
WAY YOU PLANNED!

DO YOU FEEL MY  
POWER, LITTLE MAN,  
**TEARING** AT YOUR  
BODY AND SOUL,  
BACKED BY THE  
**RAGING FURY** OF  
MY UNDYING **HATRED??!**

AS I'VE DONE  
**TWICE** BEFORE, I'M  
**DRAINING** YOUR **CHI**,  
YOUR LIFE--FORCE--  
AND YOUR **DRAGON-  
SPAWNED POWER!**

ONLY **THIS**  
TIME, I'LL NOT  
STOP UNTIL I'VE  
TAKEN IT  
**ALL!**



WHAT... GIVES?  
WHO TURNED  
ON THE  
LIGHTS?

IRON FIST--AND  
THE **SCAR-FACED DUDE**  
HE WAS FIGHTING --THEY'VE  
BOTH **DISAPPEARED!**  
THERE'S ONLY THIS...  
**BLINDING LIGHT!**

ALL OF A  
SUDDEN, I HAVE  
A VERY **BAD**  
FEELING ABOUT  
THIS.

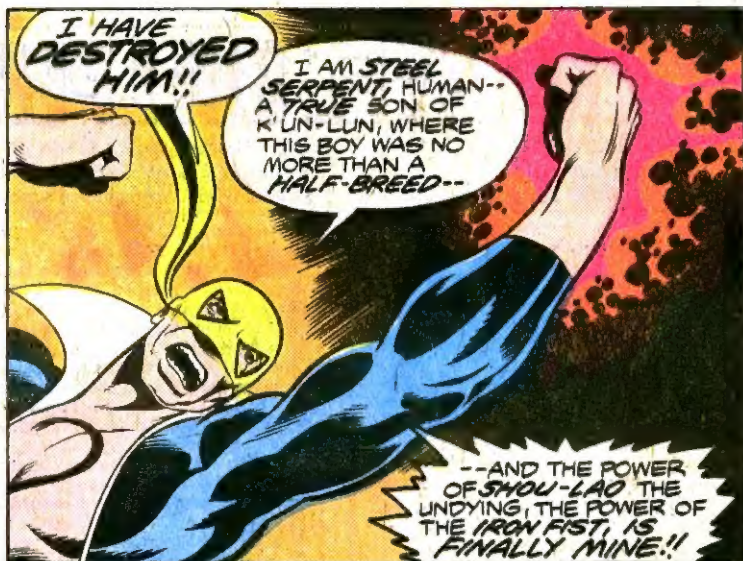


THE LIGHT--AS BRILLIANT AS  
A SMALL SUN--LASTS BUT A  
FEW MOMENTS MORE, AND  
THEN...

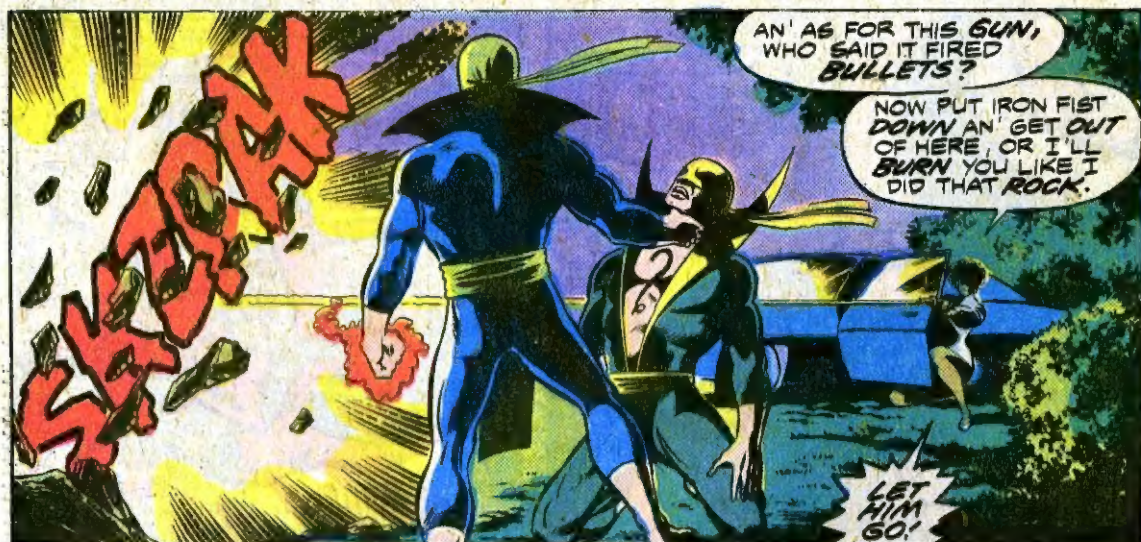
# SHKOW!















MAN, THAT'S SOMEONE I NEVER WANT TO MEET AGAIN.

IRON FIST, YOU OKAY PAL?

IRON FIST--?!



IRON FIST!

SO THAT'S MISTY KNIGHT. HEY, I KNOW HER FROM... SOMEWHERE... BUT NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT!

HER KEENING WHISPER IS A TERRIBLE THING TO HEAR-- A BASIC, ELEMENTAL CRY TORN FROM THE CORE OF HER BEING.

SHE HOLDS HIM CLOSE, TRYING TO BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO HIS BROKEN BODY BY SHEER FORCE OF WILL. THERE'S SO MUCH SHE WANTS TO SAY, BUT THE WORDS ALL CATCH IN HER THROAT. THEY DON'T REALLY MATTER, ANYWAY.

OH, DANNY... OH...

...DANNY...!



ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT IRON FIST IS DYING. AND THAT PART OF HER IS DYING WITH HIM.

NEXT

THE SOUL-SEARING CONCLUSION TO "NIGHT OF THE DRAGON"--INTRODUCING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON, WHO STAND WITH SPIDEY AGAINST THE DEADLY POWER OF STEEL SERPENT. BE HERE IN 30 TO DISCOVER--

IF DEATH BE THY DESTINY!